

\$3000 A YEAR RATS IN FURS, GEMS AND AUTOS

Paris Isn't Backing Up Opera
Ballet Girls in Their
Strike.

DIRECTORS FIRE THEM ALL

Line Performance of "Lohengrin" Despite
Threats—Tenor Muratore Self-
Vindicated.

PARIS, Jan. 20. The employees of the Opera passed the day in holding excited meetings as to whether they should support the strike of the ballet. The chorus at one meeting promised to strike in sympathy with the "rats," but the orchestra at another assembly refused to do so.

Two strike delegates visited the administration of the opera and had an interview which lasted only four minutes. The stockholders also held a meeting and approved the action of the directors in refusing to dismiss the two ballerinas at the demand of the "rats."

Despite many ominous threats of trouble, "Lohengrin" was produced this evening without a hitch. Everybody was at his or her post and the result was a triumph for the management.

The managers of the opera posted a notice tonight on the doors of the house announcing that 104 members of the ballet had been dismissed. Each one will receive a registered letter giving notice that her engagement ceased on January 20.

The ballet dancers of the opera, who at first had public opinion in their efforts to secure increases in their salaries, are now losing the sympathy of the Parisians.

It is generally felt that salaries ranging from \$300 to \$720 a year could not be expected to pay for the anomalies, the furs and the jewels which were greatly in evidence when the dancers attended their strike meetings, while recent increases in the rents of Parisian apartments and servants' wages have been notorious.

But the assistance of the members of the ballet that the opera administration cancel the reengagement of Mlle. Rouvier and Mlle. de la Vallée, has cooled public feeling, which is now supporting the refusal of the administration to consider the strikers' latest offer to return to work if the reengagements are terminated at the end of the year.

Lucien Muratore, the famous tenor of the opera, credited with being the highest paid singer in Paris, in an interview published in the *Comedie* protests against the accusation that he supported Mlle. Rouvier's request for reengagement in order to get rid of her.

"We mutually agreed to separate," says Muratore, "and it was precisely because we were not married that I carefully regulated the separation proceedings and behaved as a gentleman. She wished to resume the occupation she had left five years ago. I supported her request, but I did not leave her with a dancer's salary only. Everything was arranged as if we had been legally divorced and the future of our child has been provided for. The report that I intend marrying a renowned lyrical artist is pure invention, due to malice."

The leading singers of the opera resolved last night to present an organized opposition to the strike movement. The Opera stockholders will meet to discuss the situation. Paris gossip declares that two important stockholders are instigating the whole trouble with the object of forcing the present directors to retire that they may appoint their own nominees.

SUSPICIOUS OF PEKIN.

Chinese Republicans Say Yuan Is Not a
Free Agent—Shaping a Regime.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 20.—The situation at Pekin just now is decidedly unsatisfactory to the republicans here and at Nankin. A few days ago it was thought that a complete understanding had been reached between Yuan Shih Kai and the prince in the north and the republican leaders in the south whereby the Manchurian emperor would abdicate and the imperial clan would retire from all participation in the Government, in return for which they would be liberally provided for in the matter of pensions.

It was generally understood that Premier Yuan Shih Kai would take charge of affairs in the north while the government of the south would be looked after by Dr. Sun Yat Sen until a national convention had decided on the future form of government for China. From appearances at Pekin now the republicans are convinced that the Manchus and the young imperial prince will not agree to the arrangement and in their desperation may be driven to the verge of civil war. Yuan Shih Kai, they say here, is helpless, being practically a prisoner in the hands of the Manchus.

The republicans at Nankin are going ahead with plans for perfecting a form of government and securing the recognition of the Powers. The members of the Provisional Assembly which elected Sun Yat Sen President are drawing up a constitution, and when this has been adopted the leaders of the new republic they will be in a position to look for recognition by all the countries of the world.

FRENCH AUTOS LOSING.

American Imported Cars Making Remarkable Headway.

PARIS, Jan. 20. Statistics of the automobile trade for 1911 confirm the fact that it is not as flourishing as it seems. Automobiles come third on the list of French exports, following silks and wines. Sixty thousand workers are employed in the industry, drawing \$50,000,000 annually in wages. For the first time the trade reports show a decrease in the motor exports as compared with the previous year, 175,770 out of cars having left the country in 1911, as against 186,616 out in 1910.

But it is the increase in imported motor vehicles which is the principal cause of uneasiness among manufacturers and which doubtless is the reason why a leading French automobile expert has resigned to visit America to study the industry there. In 1911 12,807 out of automobiles were sent into France, while for the previous twelve months the imports were 9,678 out. England sent 3,144 out instead of 2,877 out. The United States sent 2,308 instead of 790. Germany sent 2,097 instead of 1,601 and Italy 1,212 instead of 1,000. Such a comparatively large increase is the most remarkable.

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BELFAST IN BLIND RAGE AT HOME RULE INVASION

Unionist Clubs Swear Winston
Churchill Shall Not Make
a Speech.

GRAVE FEARS OF BLOODSHED

30,000 Orangemen to Pour Into the City
on Special Trains to Squelch
Meeting.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—All the elements are present for most serious trouble in the north of Ireland if Winston Churchill, John Redmond and other prominent leaders carry out their intention of making speeches in favor of home rule at the meeting scheduled to be held in Belfast on February 8. All through Ulster the excitement has been on the increase ever since the meeting was announced and it has been intensified by the declaration of the National Council that the meeting shall not take place.

This prohibition has been backed up by the Ulster Unionist clubs in hiring special trains to bring their members to Belfast on the day of the meeting. Mr. Churchill, who is known to be stubborn and pugnacious, is credited with the intention of speaking to his promise of making a speech in the Orange stronghold and it is expected that he will give his full and free expression to his views on the home rule measure. The Unionists of Ulster are emphatic in their declarations that he shall not speak.

The wildest rumors are afloat, which taken in connection with reports that the Ulster men are drilling for the purpose of resisting home rule by force of arms, are the cause of grave apprehension. The national feeling is so bitter that the Government is keeping troops in their barracks as a precautionary measure.

While the British Unionist newspapers with few exceptions deplore the threats of the Ulster men, some of them are encouraging the Unionist Council to stick to its determination to prevent the meeting being held. Fear is felt that bloodshed will result unless the Government interposes. The *Times* and the *Post*, despite their Unionist sympathies, warn the Unionist Council that freedom of speech must not be infringed.

The *Saturday Review* is an exception to the popular condemnation of the council for its threat. It says: "Churchill is going to get it and we are frankly glad."

The Government declines to make any statement as to its possible action, but the prospects are that it will refuse to interfere.

The grievance of those opposed to home rule and to the holding of this particular meeting has been intensified by the fact that it is to be held in a hall which is regarded as sacred to the cause of Unionism. Capt. James Craig, M. P., a rabid Unionist captain, who on one occasion threatened to throw the Irish Nationalist members of Parliament out of the House of Commons, singlehanded and quickly received numerous offers to try it, was one of those who voted for the resolution to prevent the meeting. He declares that he is determined that the meeting shall not take place and he will use every ingenuity in preventing his rebel crew from dishonoring a historic hall.

PORTO RICO DOUGLAS BOUND FOR NEW YORK

Man Has Army Clothes and Got
Letters Addressed to
Cruikshank.

WIFE RETURNS INSURANCE

Seemingly Got Only Small Sums in Settlement—Denies Knowing Husband Was Alive.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 20.—The man who arrived here yesterday on the steamship *San Juan* is the man who was reported to have been killed in the explosion of the *Donkey* in the harbor of San Juan. He has been watched since his arrival here because of cabled advice that he was supposed to be Capt. Barton Cruikshank.

The correspondent of THE SUN saw Douglas in the train to-day as he was about to depart for Caguas. He insisted that he was Douglas and displayed letters from the Board of Trade strike settlers, may submit a plan by which the question of non-unionism, being employed by the masters will be settled.

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AERIAL LAW BREAKING.

Vedrine Flies Over Paris and Litters
Streets With Petitions.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Pierre Vedrine, the noted aviator, violated to-day in the most flagrant manner the new city regulation forbidding the throwing of handbills in the streets.

He circled over the city in a monoplane and in passing the Chamber of Deputies sent down a shower of circulars imploring the deputies to pass the bill just introduced which appropriates a large sum for increasing the aeroplane outfit of the French army.

M. Leprie, the Prefect of Police, is said to be considering a scheme to supply the police with aeroplanes in order to prevent certain infringements of the law.

BLIZZARD IN BRITAIN.

Scotch Coast Struck With Wrecks
House Parties Badly Chilled.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Great Britain experienced this week what the press calls a blizzard. There was much damage to shipping and the Scottish coast is strewn with wrecks.

The snow interfered with many sporting events and broke up numerous house parties. Monty Waterbury, the A. B. Burdens and the S. Alexanders deserted Harry Paine Whitney's party at Melton Mowbray and came to London to remain until the weather is in re-avoidable.

ARGENTINA TO END STRIKE.

Government Will Aid Railroad Companies Compromise Rejected.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 20.—Refusal on the part of the railroad companies to discharge new employees to find places for the strikers has brought to an end the Government's efforts to mediate between the companies and the men.

ITALIAN ARMY FRAUD.

Government Robbed in Supplies for
Tripoli—The Pope and Farley.

ROME, Jan. 20.—The exposure of gigantic frauds in the purchase of supplies for the army in Tripoli has created a great sensation. Members of the Camorra at Naples are accused of cooperating with officers of the commissariat department in overcharging the War Office by \$100,000, besides increasing the weight of cattle through giving them barrels of water to make their thirst after overfeeding them with dry hay and salt.

Over a hundred with the foot and mouth disease too have been sold to the Government, and the contractors after evading the payment of customs duties on coffee and sugar persuaded the War Office to pay the duties. Several officers and non-commissioned officers have been arrested in connection with the frauds.

The news of the great welcome extended to Cardinal Farley on his arrival at New York has been conveyed to the Pope who expressed himself as greatly gratified. He said that Cardinal Farley fully deserved the unprecedented honors paid to him and the display of the affection of the people.

The suit of Carlo Barsotti, the New York editor, against several Roman newspapers for alleged libelous statements in connection with the erection of the Dante statue in New York threatened to collapse during the week owing to a side issue raised by the lawyers for the defense. They insisted that the testimony of New York witnesses should be taken. The Judge ruled that the evidence of Chevalier Giacomo Fara Forni, the Italian Consul at New York, and Centelmo di Silvestro should be taken by a commission in the United States pending the continuation of the suit here, which is likely to last for months.

LET ENGLAND DO IT HERSELF.

Strathcona and J. P. Morgan Won't Help
Y. M. C. A. \$500,000 Fund.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Charles S. Ward, American secretary of the international Y. M. C. A. committee, who is attempting to raise \$500,000 in England within twelve days for the London Y. M. C. A., has secured \$300,000 at the end of the tenth day of his campaign.

Mr. Ward does not admit the outlook is gloomy and believes he will have the balance of the amount before his self-imposed time limit expires. Lord Strathcona and J. P. Morgan both have declined to subscribe to the fund on the ground that there are enough Englishmen to make up the subscriptions.

SUPERFLUOUS AMERICANS.

Berlin Sore Again at the Schlegelencour
Presentations—Forty of Them.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—A group of Friday evening's drawing room the newspapers complain that too many Americans were presented, some of whom do not belong to the class which is called courting, "court suitors."

It is true that no other Embassy presents the number of people that the American Ambassador does. In spite of all efforts to keep the list down the number at the last drawing room was forty, although there were only four new presentations.

LIBERALS NAME AROSEMENA.

Free Lance Partisans of Panama President Get Ahead of Regulars.

PANAMA, Jan. 20.—Liberal partisans of President Arosemena held an independent convention here last night and renominated him. This meeting has no affiliation with the regular Liberal convention which will occur on February 12.

TRouble Off TROUBLE ON.

England Settles With Her Cotton Strikers
and Faces Coal Crisis.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Although the miners' representatives at Birmingham determined at their meeting yesterday to follow the mandate given by an overwhelming majority of miners and serve notice of the inauguration of a strike on March 1, there is a hopeful feeling prevalent that a settlement will be reached. The offer of the Birmingham strike conference to negotiate with the mine owners, and the meeting next week of the Government Conciliation Board, are regarded as hopeful signs and much good is expected from them.

The decision of the miners' executive committee to serve notice of a strike on the 1st of March does not affect the market price of coal which had previously been going up steadily.

Coincident with the decision of the miners to strike the cotton loom, which grew out of the refusal of Joe Riley and his wife a Margaret Bury to join a union, was adjusted by an agreement under which the men will return to work for six months at least. At the end of that time Sir George Ranken Askwith, the Board of Trade strike settler, may submit a plan by which the question of non-unionism, being employed by the masters will be settled.

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England Likely to Approve of Her Goli-
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While the United States is a party to the Congo treaty the interest of that country is not regarded as sufficient to give her the right to participate in the negotiations except in a perfunctory manner.

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\$3.00 Silk Umbrellas, \$1.50.
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Hindu Silks, special yard, 19c.
Fitted Wool Jersey Petticoats, \$1.49.
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\$1.00 16 Button Length Silk Gloves, 59c.
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